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47th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival Set For Saturday
National Recording Artists 112 and Bobby V. Scheduled to Perform

Who: Durham Parks and Recreation

What: 47th Annual Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival (Rain or Shine)

When: Saturday, May 21 (noon – 8 p.m.)
Bimbé Weekday Events: May 18-20 (various times and locations in Durham)

Where: Rock Quarry Park, 701 Stadium Drive, Durham
Rain Location: Durham County Stadium Parking Lot (Across the street from Rock Quarry Park)

General Information:

- The Bimbé Cultural Arts Festival is one of the oldest cultural festivals and celebrations of music, art and dance in North Carolina.
- This year's festival will feature old school hip hop artists 112 who will perform at 4 p.m. and Bobby V. who will hit the stage at 7 p.m.
- Participants will enjoy the Bimbé Marketplace with approximately 40 art, merchandise, educational and food vendors. There will be activities for all ages including a Kid's Zone hosted by the Durham Arts Council, Interactive Playgrounds, and Home Depot.
- Other highlights include K 97.5's radio personality Brian Dawson's Musical Medley: A Voyage through 47 Years of Music featuring some of Durham's finest DJ's including his son Chase Dawson.
- Actress BernNadette Stanis will be available throughout the day to take pictures and sign autographs. She is best known for her role as Thelma Ann Evans-Anderson, on the CBS

sitcom *Good Times* (1974-1979).

- The event is free and open to the public. Participants are not allowed to bring food, coolers, alcohol or pets to the festival. Seating is not provided and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.
- The Durham Police Department will be on hand to provide a Child Identification Card to children attending the festival. The ID card is a way for parents to identify their child in case of emergency. The card is not a valid/legal form of identification, but will include their name, photo, height, weight and eye color.

DPR will also host a number of Bimbé weekday events. See the schedule below:

- **Bimbé Old School Block Party**
Wednesday, May 18 (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
Lyon Park, 1200 West Lakewood Avenue (Ball field)
Free admission
- **Bimbé Alumni Basketball Classic**
Thursday, May 19 (7 p.m. - 9 p.m.) doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Southern High School Gymnasium, 800 Clayton Road
Free admission
- **Bimbé Teen Skate Party – ages 13-17**
Friday, May 20 (7 p.m. - 10 p.m.) doors open at 6 p.m.
W.D. Hill Recreation Center, 1308 Fayetteville Street
Pre-registration available but not required – course #13024

Volunteers are needed. To volunteer fill out the online form at

http://dprvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/event_bimbe_016. For details visit www.DPRPlayMore.org or call 919-560-4355.

About Durham Parks and Recreation

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